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SUBJECT: CIRCULATION FIGURES FOR EASTERN PUBLICATIONS

USIA FOR IEU

REF: STATE 037332

1. CIRCULATION FIGURES FOR MOST BULGARIAN PUBLICATIONS NOT PUBLICLY AVAILABLE. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S ORAL INQUIRY, PRESS DPARTMENT OF MFA REQUESTED WRITTEN OFFICIAL NOTE. EMBASSY NOTE OF MARCH 7 ASKED MFA ASSISTANCE, RELEVANT TO CSCE BASKET III, SECTION 2(A) (II), IN OBTAINING CIRCULATION FIGURES FOR BULGARIAN NEWSPAPERS IN BULGARIA AND IN U.S.

2. MFA NOTE, NO. 1160, OF MARCH 30 GAVE FOLLOWING  
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CIRCULATION FIGURES FOR BULGARIA AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1977:  
RABOTNICHESKO DELO (803,000), OTECHESTVEN FRONT (250,000),  
NARODNA MLADEZH (233,000), AND TRUD (320,000).

3. REGARDINGCIRCULATION FIGURES FOR US, MFA NOTE SAID:  
"THE DATA PROVIDED BY THE COMPETENT BULGARIAN ORGANIZATION

REVEALS THAT 5 COPIES OF RABOTNICHESKO DELO AND 2 COPIES OF  
OTECHESTVEN FRONT ARE SENT TO AMERICAN FIRMS OR PRIVATE  
INDIVIDUALS."

4. COMMENT: MFA RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON US CIRCULATION  
FIGURES IS EITHER ILL-INFORMED OR DISINGENUOUS. EMBASSY IS CERTAIN  
THAT SOME AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND LIBRARIES IN US RECEIVED  
BULGARIAN PAPERS IN QUESTION. (ONE VISITING PROFESSOR TOLD  
EMBOFFTHAT HIS UNIVERSITY SPENDS \$500 PER YEAR ON BULGARIAN  
PUBLICATIONS. RABOTNICHESKO DELO COSTS 3 CENTS A COPY.) EMBASSY  
ITSELF SENDS 8 DELOS, 4 FRONTS, 2 NARODNA MLADZHS AND 2 TRUDS  
TO USG USERS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT MFA RESPONSE  
(PARA 3) ABOUT COPIES SENT TO AMERICAN FIRMS AND PRIVATE  
INDIVIDUALS COULD BE LITERALLY CORRECT, ALTHOUGH NOT RESPONSIVE  
TO EMBASSY'S QUESTION.  
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